



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Higher production levels, along with reduced demand, contributed to an increase in stocks. Total motor gasoline stocks rose 3.0 million barrels to end the week at 190.6 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline increased 2.4 million barrels to 39.7 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline were up 1.1 million barrels to 108.5 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 41.5 million barrels, 0.4 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 14.6 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 486 thousand barrels per day of which 236 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 137 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/24/99	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/24/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,007	1,005	974	1,058	1,003	621	664	600	670	625
Midwest (PADD II)	1,810	1,876	1,813	2,036	2,115	259	271	256	302	307
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,528	3,422	3,609	3,700	3,689	634	674	600	739	750
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	289	275	272	262	272	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,422	1,461	1,463	1,349	1,415	1,012	1,001	1,036	966	964
U.S. Total	8,057	8,040	8,132	8,406	8,493	2,526	2,610	2,492	2,677	2,646

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/22/99	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/22/99
East Coast (PADD I)	51.3	48.8	48.6	48.8	54.2	17.4	16.0	14.7	16.8	16.3
Midwest (PADD II)	49.7	50.4	48.5	48.3	55.9	2.1	2.4	2.1	1.5	1.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	61.3	59.8	57.8	60.4	60.2	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.6	10.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.1	27.1	27.0	27.4	29.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.8	11.4
U.S. Total	195.5	191.8	187.6	190.6	205.2	39.0	38.5	37.3	39.7	40.3

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices dropped sharply last week, largely due to a rapid decline in crude oil prices before and after the U.S. Department of Energy's announcement of a 30-million-barrel crude oil release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The swap will add crude oil to U.S. markets in October and November, for repayment at a later date, and is expected to help relieve concerns over heating oil supplies this winter. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline fell 4.90 cents for the week to 92.78 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price dropped 3.50 cents to 119.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell for the first time since mid-August, dropping 1.4 cents to 154.8 cents per gallon as of September 25, 2000. The average stands 28.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Price changes were mixed across regions and formulations, with significant decreases in the Midwest (PADD II).

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99
New York	¹ 98.73	99.88	97.68	92.78	72.66	¹ 104.10	99.98	97.78	93.50	68.53
Chicago	¹ 99.29	96.84	94.50	85.56	67.66	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	¹ 95.00	95.63	91.36	88.60	66.13	¹ 97.60	101.45	94.73	90.13	73.56
Los Angeles	¹ 158.00	135.00	117.50	114.00	69.50	¹ 165.00	140.00	122.50	119.00	72.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.

¹ Spot prices are as of September 5, 2000, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	09/27/99
East Coast (PADD I)	144.5	147.9	148.5	148.3	120.9	157.6	159.1	159.0	158.7	128.3
Midwest (PADD II)	151.9	155.3	155.4	151.4	124.1	153.8	155.0	153.5	150.9	129.5
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	142.7	146.2	146.6	147.3	121.2	143.4	145.1	145.2	143.5	118.9
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	156.2	158.6	162.1	163.1	137.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	168.8	170.9	170.9	171.2	137.7	177.8	183.6	182.2	182.3	138.4
U.S. Average	149.7	152.9	153.4	151.8	124.3	160.5	163.2	162.4	161.5	130.2

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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